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Laura Jean Thomson



Laura Jean Thomson passed away peacefully Wednesday, September 15, 2021 in the Regina Pasqua Hospital. Laura was born in 1942 to Harvey and Jean Fairgray in Cabri, SK. She attended Unionville Elementary School in the Hazlet area until the age of ten when she moved to Pennant, SK where she completed high school. Her love of learning and caring nature led her to become a registered nurse, completing her degree at the University of Saskatchewan in 1963. Following university Laura was married to Don Thomson and worked both as a nurse and farmer in the Swift Current area. She was proud to be a farmer and cared for her crops with the same passion as her patients. Her nursing career was varied and ranged from clinical to administrative positions, finally finishing at the Swift Current Care Home where she enjoyed caring for the elderly. She was compassionate and caring to everyone, a trait that led to her unofficial position of town nurse in Pennant.

Laura was a lifelong member of the United Church of Canada and was actively involved locally, provincially and nationally in the church. Her volunteer positions over decades were numerous and included serving as the President of Saskatchewan Conference. Her dedication to her church and faith led to her being awarded an Honorary Doctor of Divinity by St. Andrews College in 2016. Laura enjoyed life. Optimistic, courageous, tenacious, she never met a problem she thought unsolvable. She always remained alert for an opportunity to play bridge and cultivated many friendships through card playing. She enjoyed large crowds of people and socializing. She was a fantastic cook and Sundays often involved a day of work in the kitchen to host family and friends for dinner and her outstanding pies.

She was predeceased by her parents Harvey Fairgray and Jean Fairgray/Craig and by her step-father Merlin Craig. Laura is survived by her sons Pat (Penny), Ken (Erika) and Chris (Tania); six cherished grandchildren; sister Norma (Roy) and aunt Merle; as well as nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Laura's beloved Regina Anti-Poverty Ministry, 2330 Victoria Avenue, Regina, SK S4P 0S6. A Private Service will be held on Saturday, September 25, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. Those wishing to view a live stream of the service, please log onto www.livememorialservices.com/Home/ServiceDetail/16423. Family and friends are invited to view the tributes page at www.reginafuneralhome.ca. Arrangements entrusted to Regina Funeral Home.